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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) inform Applicants' representative of the status of the above-captioned patent application. Applicants submitted a Status Inquiry on September 8, 2003, but failed to receive any PTO response thereto. Applicants last received from the PTO a Notice of Publication of Application dated January 30, 2003. To date, Applicants have received no further action or communication regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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